

# SENATE BILL 503

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By: **Senator Gladden**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Sergey Brin Scholarship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Sergey Brin Scholarship Program; authorizing  
4 the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make scholarship awards to  
5 certain recipients pursuing certain degrees; requiring a scholarship recipient to  
6 meet certain eligibility criteria to obtain and retain an award; requiring the  
7 Commission to award applicants in a certain order of preference; requiring an  
8 award not to exceed a certain amount per recipient; requiring a recipient to  
9 meet certain criteria or else repay the State the amount of the scholarship  
10 award; requiring the Commission to update periodically the list of eligible  
11 degrees; providing for the funding of the Program; authorizing the Commission  
12 to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to  
13 the establishment of the Sergey Brin Scholarship Program.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Education

16 Section 18–2901 through 18–2907 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 29.  
17 Sergey Brin Scholarship Program”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Education**

23 **SUBTITLE 29. SERGEY BRIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

24 **18–2901.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
2 INDICATED.

3           (B) “ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION” MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE  
4 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE THAT POSSESSES A  
5 CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION  
6 COMMISSION.

7           (C) “OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL  
8 ASSISTANCE AS DEFINED IN § 18-101(C) OF THIS TITLE.

9           (D) “TAX OBLIGATION” MEANS MAINTAINING PRIMARY RESIDENCE IN  
10 THE STATE, MAINTAINING FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE, AND FILING  
11 INCOME TAX RETURNS IN THE STATE.

12 18-2902.

13           (A) (1) THERE IS A SERGEY BRIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
14 AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

15                   (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE INCOME  
16 TAX REVENUES IN THE STATE WHILE PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT  
17 AND COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY BY ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO PURSUE  
18 DEGREES LEADING TO EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE THAT PAYS A HIGH SALARY  
19 IN COMPARISON TO THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR THE  
20 EMPLOYMENT.

21                   (3) A SERGEY BRIN SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR TUITION  
22 AND MANDATORY FEES AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

23           (B) STUDENTS PURSUING THE FOLLOWING DEGREES ARE ELIGIBLE TO  
24 APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:

25                   (1) BACHELOR’S DEGREES IN:

26                           (I) AEROSPACE ENGINEERING;

27                           (II) COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCE; AND

28                           (III) MATERIALS ENGINEERING; AND

29                   (2) ASSOCIATE’S DEGREES IN:

30                           (I) APPLIED SCIENCE;

- 1                   **(II) DENTAL HYGIENE;**  
2                   **(III) NUCLEAR MEDICINE;**  
3                   **(IV) NURSING;**  
4                   **(V) RADIATION THERAPY; AND**  
5                   **(VI) RESPIRATORY THERAPY.**

6           **(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL UPDATE PERIODICALLY THE LIST OF**  
7 **DEGREES IN THIS SECTION BY COMPILING AND ANALYZING DATA FROM THE**  
8 **BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE THAT PAYS A**  
9 **HIGH SALARY AND COMPARING THE SALARY TO THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION**  
10 **REQUIRED FOR THE EMPLOYMENT.**

11 **18-2903.**

12           **(A) ANNUALLY THE OFFICE SHALL SELECT ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND**  
13 **OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH STUDENT SELECTED TO BE USED AT AN**  
14 **ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT'S CHOICE.**

15           **(B) A RECIPIENT OF A SERGEY BRIN SCHOLARSHIP SHALL:**

16                   **(1) BE A MARYLAND RESIDENT;**

17                   **(2) DEMONSTRATE TO THE COMMISSION A DEFINITE FINANCIAL**  
18 **NEED;**

19                   **(3) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION OR CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT**  
20 **AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT**  
21 **PURSUING ONE OF THE DEGREES LISTED IN § 18-2902 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

22                   **(4) (I) FOR A STUDENT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH**  
23 **SCHOOL, HAVE EARNED AN OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0**  
24 **ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FIRST**  
25 **SEMESTER OF THE SENIOR YEAR; OR**

26                   **(II) FOR A STUDENT CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS A**  
27 **FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, HAVE MAINTAINED A GRADE POINT**  
28 **AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE AND HAVE BEEN MAKING**  
29 **SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD ONE OF THE DEGREES LISTED IN § 18-2902**  
30 **OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

1           **(5) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM THE TAX OBLIGATION**  
2 **ON COMPLETION OF THE RECIPIENT'S REQUIRED STUDIES;**

3           **(6) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD;**  
4 **AND**

5           **(7) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY**  
6 **ESTABLISH.**

7           **(C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IN**  
8 **THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PREFERENCE:**

9                   **(I) FIRST, TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE HIGH SCHOOL**  
10 **GRADUATES WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED ANY COURSES AT AN ELIGIBLE**  
11 **INSTITUTION;**

12                   **(II) SECOND, TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY**  
13 **ENROLLED AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION BUT HAVE EXPERIENCED A**  
14 **REDUCTION IN FINANCIAL AID AND ARE IN DANGER OF WITHDRAWING FROM**  
15 **THE INSTITUTION FOR FINANCIAL REASONS; AND**

16                   **(III) THIRD, TO ALL OTHER APPLICANTS.**

17           **(2) SUBJECT TO § 18-2905 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF POSSIBLE, THE**  
18 **COMMISSION SHOULD PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS THAT COVER THE**  
19 **ENTIRE AMOUNT OF A RECIPIENT'S TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES.**

20 **18-2904.**

21           **THE RECIPIENT OF A SERGEY BRIN SCHOLARSHIP SHALL REPAY THE**  
22 **COMMISSION THE FUNDS RECEIVED AS SET FORTH IN § 18-112 OF THIS TITLE IF**  
23 **THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:**

24                   **(1) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE**  
25 **DEGREES LISTED IN § 18-2902 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

26                   **(2) PERFORM THE TAX OBLIGATION FOR:**

27                   **(I) 2.5 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A**  
28 **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;**  
29 **AND**

1                   (II) 3 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A  
2 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;  
3 AND

4                   (3) IF THE DEGREE REQUIRES STATE CERTIFICATION FOR  
5 EMPLOYMENT IN THE OCCUPATION, BECOME PROFESSIONALLY CERTIFIED IN  
6 THE STATE WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION.

7 18-2905.

8           (A) (1) FOR A RECIPIENT OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP,  
9 THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE COST OF THE  
10 RECIPIENT'S TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES, BUT THE AWARD AMOUNT MAY  
11 NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF THESE COSTS FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT STUDENT  
12 AT THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE  
13 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF  
14 MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES  
15 FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE.

16                   (2) FOR A RECIPIENT OF AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP,  
17 THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE COST OF THE  
18 RECIPIENT'S TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES, BUT THE AWARD AMOUNT MAY  
19 NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF THESE COSTS FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT STUDENT  
20 AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES WITHIN THE STATE WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL  
21 EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE.

22           (B) (1) IF A RECIPIENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH  
23 (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD UNDER THIS  
24 SUBTITLE MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR UP TO:

25                   (I) 4 YEARS FOR A RECIPIENT PURSUING A BACHELOR'S  
26 DEGREE; AND

27                   (II) 2 YEARS FOR A RECIPIENT PURSUING AN ASSOCIATE'S  
28 DEGREE.

29                   (2) A RECIPIENT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

30                   (I) CONTINUE TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

31                   (II) CONTINUE TO BE A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE  
32 STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION;

1                   (III) IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE INSTITUTION, MAKE  
2 SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD ONE OF THE DEGREES LISTED IN § 18-2902  
3 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

4                   (IV) MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

5                   (3) IF THE COMMISSION REMOVES A DEGREE FROM THE LIST OF  
6 ELIGIBLE DEGREES IN § 18-2902 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A CURRENT RECIPIENT  
7 WHO HAS BEEN PURSUING THAT DEGREE FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR IS ELIGIBLE TO  
8 CONTINUE HOLDING THE AWARD FOR THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED UNDER  
9 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

10 18-2906.

11                   FUNDS FOR THE SERGEY BRIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL BE AS  
12 PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

13 18-2907.

14                   THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS:

15                   (1) NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE; AND

16                   (2) TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR  
17 SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

18                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2010.